

Minutes of the Milton Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of October 14, 2008

The Meeting was held at the Milton Public Library and started at 6:35 PM

Roll Call

In attendance were three committee members.

Bill Stodter	Chair
Claus Hagelman	Committee Member
Denise Southard	Committee Member
Joy Lester	Committee Member
Diane Cicala	Committee Member (absent)

The minutes from July 15, August 5, and September 2 were voted upon and approved.

This was an open meeting to allow interested people to voice their opinions about the proposed dog park. Of the ten people who attended, nine were in favor of the dog park and the proposed location.

Two people were hoping that there would be agility equipment available for the dogs. This had never been discussed by the committee and the committee responded that there would not be enough room in the proposed park for agility equipment.

One person who lives near the proposed site questioned the availability of parking near the park. The committee responded that there were 15 parking spaces adjacent to the dog park and many more in the near vicinity. This same person then stated that there is a neighbor's dog that barks early in the day to the extent that his wife can't sleep and his grandchildren can't nap. He stated that the dogs using the park would bark and further disturb his family.

Several members of the committee tried to assure this neighbor that in their experience, there is almost no barking in dog parks and this can be supported by the literature found on the internet.

The committee suggested that this person talk to his neighbor about that dog barking or talk to the police.

Denise Southard stated that there are devices that can reduce barking and that she would investigate their practicality and cost.

Another attendee asked if the park would be locked at night. The committee will discuss this issue.

It was asked if the town insurance would cover the use of the park. The committee will look into this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM